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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

Applicant's submission of a signed declaration of Dr. James A. Merrit on September 16, 1999 has been received, but crossed in the mail with the advisory action mailed September 20, 1999, paper # 21. The Declaration has been considered, but does not overcome the rejections of record. The status of the claims remains as stated in the advisory action mailed September 20, 1999, paper # 21.

Applicant's additionally submitted an IDS for consideration by the examiner. The information disclosure statement filed September 16, 1999 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement, lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e) and lacks the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. The references have been considered with respect to applicant's arguments filed in the amendment after final on September 13, 1999, but are not sufficient to overcome the rejections of record. The rejections are maintained for the reasons of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen M. Hauda whose telephone number is (703) 305-6608.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn, may be reached at (703) 308-4743.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2801.

The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1632.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 160 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 160 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center number is or (703) 305-3014 or (703) 308-4242.

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